

REMARKS

In Claim 31, =CR⁸- is amended to =C(H)-. R⁸, which encompassed hydrogen and other groups, is now deleted. In all of Applicants' compounds with =CR⁸-, R⁸ is hydrogen.

Claim 37 and 38 are amended to include the R¹ substituents on the A ring which were inadvertently missing from the claims. It is clear from Claims 39-41 and 46, all of which depend from Claims 37 and 38, that the A ring can be substituted with R¹ groups.

Claim 50 previously depended from claim 44. It has now been amended to be independent and all of the limitations of the preceding claims have been incorporated.

Claims 54-58, drawn to nonelected subject matter, are withdrawn but are subject to rejoinder. Claim 54 is amended to add a space between "to" and "claim," correcting a typographical error. Claim 57 is amended to replace "any one of claims" with "claim," correcting a typographical error.

Claim amendments are made to particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention. The Applicants believe that no new matter is introduced with the above amendments. The Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered into the record.

It is believed that no fees are required with the submission of this preliminary amendment. Should any fees be required by the USPTO in order to process this submission and the papers attached, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the necessary fees to Deposit Account Number 50-1108.

Respectfully submitted,

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